

## CLAIMS:

1. Record carrier comprising at least one area for storing disc management information, said record carrier further comprising and area comprising signals indicating whether or not the areas for storing disc management information are in use, each one of said signals related to one of said areas for storing disc management information.  
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2. Record carrier according to claim 1, wherein the area comprising signals indicating whether or not the areas for storing disc management information are in use is located inside a first one of said at least one area for storing disc management information.
- 10 3. Record carrier according to claim 1, wherein the area comprising signals indicating whether or not the areas for storing disc management information are in use is located adjacent to a first one of said at least one area for storing disc management information.
- 15 4. Record carrier according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein the signals indicating whether or not the areas for storing disc management information are in use are clusters on a record carrier, said clusters comprising marks for indicating a first status of said areas for storing disc management information and comprising no marks for indicating a second status of said areas for storing disc management information.  
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5. Record carrier according to claim 4, wherein the first status indicates that the areas for storing disc management information are in use, and the second status indicates that the areas for storing disc management information are not in use.
- 25 6. Method for recoding information on a record carrier, said record carrier comprising at least one area for storing disc management information, said record carrier further comprising and area comprising signals indicating whether or not the areas for storing disc management information are in use, each one of said signals related to one of said areas for storing disc management information,

the method comprising the steps  
of accessing the area comprising signals indicating whether or not the areas for storing disc  
management information are in use,  
of determining from said signals the last area for storing disc management information in use,  
5 and  
of retrieving the disc management information.

7. Method according to claim 6, wherein the step of accessing the area  
comprising signals indicating whether or not the areas for storing disc management  
10 information are in use consist of jumping to a predefined location on the record carrier.

8. Method according to claim 6, wherein the step of retrieving the disc  
management information comprises retrieving pointer information from a predefined location  
in the last area for storing disc management information in use, and subsequently retrieving  
15 the disc management information by using said pointer information.

9. Recording device for recoding information on a record carrier, said record  
carrier comprising at least one area for storing disc management information, said record  
carrier further comprising an area comprising signals indicating whether or not the areas for  
20 storing disc management information are in use, each one of said signals related to one of  
said areas for storing disc management information,  
said recording device adapted for performing a method according to claims 6, 7, or 8.